

IN THE CLAIMS

1-14 (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method of insulating an operating environment emulator from a host computer, the method comprising:

- connecting an emulation device to a host computer having an original operating system and a host processor;
- selecting an emulated operating system from multiple emulated operating systems available on the emulation device;
- executing the emulated operating system located on the emulation device using the host processor of the host computer;
- disabling host task management on the original operating system;
- routing input/output signals only through the emulated operating system; and
- activating an environmental shutdown by disabling the emulated operating system ~~if necessary to prevent~~ in response to interactions between the original operating system and the emulated operating system.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein disabling further comprises completely isolating the host computer.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein disabling further comprises allowing a user to define allowed interactions between the host computer and the emulation device.

18-20 (Canceled)